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Brief Biography

Robert D. Sutter provides and facilitates the incorporation of the best available and most current ecological information into The Nature Conservancy's conservation work, from the selection of sites to strategic planning and monitoring ecological change. His expertise is in developing ecologically-focused strategic conservation plans and adaptive management (sampling design, the analysis of monitoring data, and implementation of adaptive management) to measure the success of conservation. He has worked extensively in adaptive management, with work at several Department of Defense installations and has done ecological research in Southern Appalachian bogs, longleaf pine systems, prairie remnants and isolated wetlands. With others in TNC he was one of the leaders in the development of the conservation area planning process and developed the training workshop on ecological monitoring. He is active teaching conservation area planning and ecological management within TNC and to other conservation organizations (DoD, USFS, local land trusts). He has worked for over 20 years in the conservation field, 13 with TNC, and has over 36 publications and reports in the conservation literature.

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